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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA AND CZECHOSLOVAK SC PRESIDENT

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1. WE NOTE WITH SKEPTICISM CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR HULINSKY'S VARIOUS PROTESTATIONS OF HIS INTENT TO PLAY STRAIGHT ARROW, WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO SC CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA.
2. HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM VISITS TO ANGOLA AND NIGERIA. IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF EACH VISIT TWO SIDES COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO FULL SUPPORT FOR SWAPO AND TO SUPPORT FOR ARMED STRUGGLE OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. USUAL SOUNDS WERE ALSO MADE ABOUT "CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF RACIALISTS AND THEIR IMPERIALIST PROTECTORS". WHILE IN LAGOS, CHNOUPEK EVEN MET WITH SWAPO CHAIRMAN SAM NUJOMA AND, ACCORDING TO PRAGUE PRESS, ASSURED HIM CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL SUPPORT SWAPO AS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.
3. IN HIS CONTACTS WITH EMBOFFS DURING HIS TENURE AS CHIEF OF MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT HULINSKY SHOWED A FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD US AND WAS RELATIVELY OPEN,
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ALTHOUGH WE FIND NO RECORD HE EVER GAVE ANYTHING AWAY. WHETHER HE IS PRESIDENT OR ONLY MEMBER OF SC, HOWEVER, HE WILL BE LOCKED INTO GOC'S UNFAILING POSTURE OF UNSWERVING SUPPORT FOR SOVIET LINE. HIS MANNER MAY MAKE HIM MORE AGREEABLE TO DEAL WITH THAN SOME CZECH DIPLOMATS, BUT HE CAN HAVE NO REAL FLEXIBILITY IN ACTION.
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